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OLD ACCUSTOMED IMPUDENT GHOST

That morning the dawn arose from the sodden grey city
    pavements,
And it was a sick grey breath.
I had spent myself asking the night for sleep.

Broken in pieces I was—only the evil spirit was whole
    in me;
There was a curse on my bitten bloody lips. . . .
And then . . .

Oh, then the old accustomed, impudent ghost came in:
He wore my bagged, ragged pants, and was unshaven;
And his face was the one I had seen in the mirror
Too many times.

INVOCATION TO DEATH

Let me
Close my eyes tight.
Still my arms,
Let me
Be.
Then,
Come!
Let me be utterly alone:
Do not let the awful understanding that comes with
The thought of Death
Bother me.